

Representative Kevin Rader's 2010 Legislative Update



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Dear Neighbors:

As the 2010 Legislative Session has now ended, I wanted to take this opportunity to keep you informed of the work I have completed in the Florida House of Representatives for the people of District 78. As many of you know, while much of the country is recovering from the recession, Florida continues to face many economic hurdles.

Therefore, during the 2010 legislative session, my colleagues and I focused much of our attention on economic development and job creation. In addition, we confronted a number of issues important to District 78, including the state budget, education, healthcare, insurance, restoring the public trust and environmental protection.

It has been a privilege to serve the people of District 78 and to assist them in any way possible. I hope you find this post-session summary to be a useful source of information. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the issues, please call my office or send me an email at kevin.rader@myfloridahouse.gov.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Kevin Rader in black ink.

Kevin Rader



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Kevin Rader's 2010 Legislative Session Summary



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Focus on Education

Rep. Rader fought against efforts to increase class sizes, impose prayer in public schools, force out our most experienced teachers, and increase schools' focus on high-stakes testing.

Healthcare Availability

Rep. Rader opposed a final version of House Bill 1143, which included two controversial components: a statutory ban on health insurance "mandates" and a provision that requires a woman to undergo and view an ultrasound before having an abortion during the first trimester. For this and other efforts, Rep. Rader has been honored with a Planned Parenthood Legislator of the Year Award.



Restoring the Public Trust

Rep. Rader introduced the only ethics bill to get signed into law this session, working with Sen. Dave Aronberg to stiffen penalties for elected officials that violate county ethics codes.

Working for Florida's Unemployed Workers

Rep. Rader helped pass legislation which will encourage businesses to hire unemployed workers, help small businesses, and encourage companies to invest in Florida. He also led the charge to modernized Florida's Unemployment system, which would have brought over \$400 million into our economy.



Helping Condominium Residents

Rep. Rader strongly supported a bill which provides incentives to get excess condominium units off the market with the goal of lowering assessment fees for residents.